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FARR BILL PASSES SENATE

Compulsory Education Measure Now Awaits Governor's Signature.

DOUTHETT BILL TRIUMPHANT

The Compiler of Smith's Handbook Secures an Increase of Salary. Mr. Miles of Tioga Explains. Semi-Monthly Pay Law.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Harrisburg, April 23.—The Farr compulsory education bill passed the senate finally today, by a vote of 38 to 3. Every senator voted for it with the exception of Senators Haines, of York; Hyde, of Elk; and Rowland, of Pike, who voted "nay" and Senators Hanson, Cochran, Greenleaf, Kline, Laubach, Smith, Stiles and White, who are recorded as "absent or not voting." The only important change made by the senate in the bill as it came from the house relates to transient officers. Section third of the bill as passed by the senate reads as follows: "If deemed necessary for the better enforcement of the provisions of this act, boards of school directors or school controllers in cities, boroughs and townships may employ one or more persons, to be known as attendance officers, whose duty it shall be to look after, apprehend and place in such schools as the persons in parental relation may designate, transient and others who fail to attend school in accordance with the provisions of this act. The persons appointed such attendance officers shall be subject to such compensation not exceeding \$2 a day, as shall be fixed by the boards appointing them, and such compensation may be paid out of the school fund. Boards of school directors or controllers may set apart school rooms in public school buildings for children who are habitual truants or who are insubordinate or disorderly during their attendance upon instruction in the public schools. Everybody is happy.

The employment of such transient officers is made optional. In rural districts it would be unnecessary, but in cities such officials would be desirable adjuncts of the law's enforcement. The clause relating to separate rooms for habitual truants and others is likewise permissive, not mandatory, and was adopted mainly out of deference to Allegheny county educators. They hold that in large cities like Pittsburgh and Philadelphia such a privilege may be very necessary when the act reaches out in many of the surrounding and training are not of the best. With a few exceptions, everybody is pleased at the passage of this bill. It will go to conference, for ratification by the house conference, after which its passage to the executive desk is likely to be rapid. There is no doubt that Governor Hastings will approve it. Representative Farr today received many congratulations.

Busy Day in House. This was a busy day in the house. The members started in with a determination to do something and they succeeded in disposing of ten bills on second reading on a special order, and several others on final passage. The general Pittsburg bill went through with ease. The bitter fight promised by the opposition did not materialize. Mr. Tillbrook, of McKeesport, seconded by Mr. Richey, tried to amend the bill for the annexation of the outlying districts of Pittsburgh, as to require 25 per cent. instead of 5 per cent. of the voters of these municipalities to petition the court for an election to decide the question of annexation. Their efforts failed, as did all other attempts of the opposition to amend the bill.

Mr. Cotton, who had this measure in charge, had it amended so as to correct the phraseology and grammatical errors and then it went through on second reading without a roll call. The two companion bills came up on special orders last Friday, and were read the second time. All three measures come up on special orders tomorrow for third reading and final passage. The bill increasing the salary of the adjutant general from \$2,500 to \$4,000 a year, which was in the calendar for second reading on a special order, was postponed by Representative Anderson, its sponsor, through fear it would not be reached. The bill will be considered on second reading on May 14 and third reading and final passage on May 15. The bill taxing wholesale dealers cigars at \$20 a year and retailers 45c, was recommitted to the committee on vice and immorality, on motion of Chairman Cochran. The statement of State Treasurer Jackson showing the condition of the state treasury, which was received by the house last Friday, was referred to the committee on finance and means. This action was taken at the suggestion of Mr. Bliss, of Delaware, who made a speech in favor of increasing the revenues of the state to meet the demands of the public schools and charity. The bill taxing aliens and making their employers responsible for the payment of the tax passed second reading on a special order. The Douthett bill to establish a state school book board and provide for the purchase of school books at the lowest prices, went through on final passage on a special order.

Mr. Miles of Tioga, rising to a question of personal privilege, stated that a dispatch in a morning paper to the effect that he had decided for the committee of judiciary general that the office of deputy auditor general is unnecessary, was incorrect. He said no action had been taken on the bill and that it was still under consideration. Mr. Kerr, of York, called up the bill authorizing the erection and maintenance of eel weirs and fish baskets for the catching of eels during a limited period each year. It was defeated—yeas, 25; nays, 61, being less than a constitutional majority. Other bills which passed finally were the following: Providing for the taxation of aliens; providing for the release and discharge of encumbrances on land in all cases in which the period of 21 years has elapsed after the privilege has become due; authorizing county commissioners to sell to actual settlers to the several counties; exempting sewing machines leased or hired from levy or sale on execution or distress for rent;

A WILY CONVICT.

Eludes Prison Officials While Guiding Them to a Treasure. Topeka, Kan., April 23.—W. S. Hancock, late storekeeper at the penitentiary, appeared today before the legislative committee that is investigating the charges preferred against S. W. Chase, warden. Hancock said that while he was employed at the penitentiary he was approached by George H. Schonewald, a convict, and informed that there was a large treasure hidden in Arkansas, the location of which he knew. He repeated the story to Warden Chase, who in turn told it to Governor Lewelling. After the matter was discussed with Schonewald, Governor Lewelling granted him a pardon, and two days after it was delivered at the prison the governor, warden and Hancock went with the pardoned convict to Arkansas in search of the treasure. While on the way to the point indicated as the hiding place, Schonewald gave his distinguished companions the slip and has not since been seen. Schonewald was one of the most notorious criminals in the prison and was serving his third term. He had told the treasure story to three of Warden Chase's predecessors.

SHARPEERS CAPTURED.

Green Goods Men Captured While Waiting for a Victim. Philadelphia, April 23.—Three "green goods" men from New York were caught in the trap here tonight that they had set for their supposed victim. For six months past August Hoffer, a farmer and lumberman, living at Bryn Mawr, a suburban town of Philadelphia, has been in correspondence with "green goods" men in New York City. Hoffer suspected his correspondents and notified the police of this city of the orders he was receiving. They advised him to continue the negotiations until they were brought to a head, and the men could be arrested. Hoffer was to buy \$1,000 worth of "green goods" for \$650, and with the collusion of the police the swindlers were notified to meet their intended victim at a certain street corner in Philadelphia this evening. The sharpers were on hand, but in Hoffer's place were several detectives who arrested the men. They gave their names as J. W. Robinson, John Brash and Samuel Wilkinson, of New York. A large amount of "green goods" was found upon them and \$1,500 in genuine money.

VISITED A GYPSY CAMP.

Kentucky Gentlemen Start a Battle Which Rages an Hour. Liberty, Ind., April 23.—Sunday night, on Hannas creek, one mile east of Liberty, Buck Nos, with his brother and several other men, visited a gypsy camp on the creek. A free-for-all fight resulted, pistols and guns were the weapons used, and for an hour the battle raged furiously. Nos was cut about the head and hand. A man named Rogers received a knife wound in the side and is in a dangerous condition. One of the gypsies was shot. Others were more or less injured. The Nos came from Kentucky.

CRATER IN CALIFORNIA.

Volcano in Active Eruption on an Island Off Shore. Ukiah, Cal., April 23.—A small, unnamed island off the coast of Mendocino county, California, is now in a state of active eruption. For some time past it has been reported that flames were issuing from the center of the island. J. E. Meredith, of Trinity county, who has been traveling along the northern coast for some weeks, passed the island Thursday. It was some time during the early evening, and he was attracted by a bright light in the west. The flames were so brilliant that he at first imagined they were caused by a burning ship at sea. On his return south the next day, however, he discovered smoke curling up from the island and then saw it emanated from the peak there.

OSCAR INDICTED.

Wilde and Taylor Will Be Tried in Criminal Court. London, April 23.—The grand jury this morning returned to the central criminal court, Old Bailey, a true bill against Oscar Wilde and Alfred Taylor. Wilde's solicitors deny that their client will plead guilty to one offence. They declare that his case will be fought to the end.

NICARAGUA TROUBLE.

It Is Not Thought That the British Will Bombard Coast Cities. Washington, April 23.—Notwithstanding the presence of three English war vessels in the harbor of Corinto, it is regarded as unlikely that any overt action will be taken by the commanding

THE INCOME TAX APPEAL

Unusual Announcement Made by Chief Justice Fuller.

REHEARING TO BE CONSIDERED

Petitioners Will Be Allowed to Present the Case Before a Full Bench of the Supreme Court on May 6.

Washington, April 23.—At the opening of the supreme court of the United States this morning, Chief Justice Fuller made the announcement that he had considered the petition for a rehearing of the income tax cases reserved until Monday, May 6, when a full bench is expected, and in that event two counsel on a side will be heard. It is understood that this does not mean that a rehearing of the cases has been granted—only on that date the court will hear counsel upon the question whether or not a rehearing should be granted. This action of the supreme court is unprecedented in its history since the practice with respect to petitions for rehearing was established, and it illustrates the fact that the august tribunal does not change its rules and regulations under varying conditions or in special cases. Years ago the court knew no such thing as a petition for rehearing. In 1853, in the case of Brown vs. Morgan, a motion was made to reform a decree of the court which was in effect a petition for a rehearing, and on that occasion counsel were heard. Subsequently, but infrequently, motions or petitions for rehearings occurred, but they were always from counsel upon, and in 1859 the court established the law in relation thereto. It was not until 1884 that the rules of the court were changed to include petitions for rehearing. As stated, it does not by any means follow that the petition for rehearing will be granted after it has been argued. What impelled the court to order the declaration made by the chief justice today is, solely, a matter of speculation. By some it is believed the eight justices are still divided equally upon the contested points in the law, and that Justice Jackson will have to determine their constitutionality or unconstitutionality. Chief Justice Fuller stated to a reporter for the United Press after court adjourned that he had received a letter from Justice Jackson, in which the latter said he would try to come to Washington and listen to the argument upon the petition for a rehearing of the case.

MINISTER SAVES LIVES.

Discovers Obstruction in Time to Prevent a Disastrous Wreck. Pittsburg, April 23.—Rev. John Whitehead, of Emsworth, a suburb of Pittsburg, probably saved the lives of many persons on a Cleveland and Pittsburg express train last night. During the day forest fires had been burning along the track. About midnight Rev. Mr. Whitehead happened to go out on the road and he heard a crashing noise in the vicinity of the railroad track. He knew the midnight train would soon be due, and therefore started at once to investigate. On reaching the track he found that two trees which had burned off at the roots had fallen across both tracks. Rev. Mr. Whitehead, however, by means of a telegraph tower and informed the operator, who had time to catch the express at the next block above. Here the train was held until the obstruction was cleared.

DREAM OF EIGHT DEATHS.

Three Laurel, Delaware, Citizens Die in Accordance with a Vision. Laurel, Del., April 23.—Charles Fooks, son of Daniel Fooks, Laurel's wealthiest citizen, died yesterday. Three months ago Edward Taylor, an aged citizen, was laughed at for telling a strange dream, foretelling the death of eight prominent citizens, and that the ensuing year would record the death of an unusually large number. A few days later he stated that he was worried over the return of the dream, and that the four first, who were to die, would be the four most prominent and wealthiest citizens of the county. They were Benjamin Fooks, Governor Merrill, William Daniels and Daniel Fooks. The three first named are dead and the eldest son of the last named, and two others named in Taylor's vision are ill.

BIG STRIKE PROBABLE.

Seven or Eight Hundred Pig Iron Workers Already Out. Sharon, Pa., April 23.—A general strike among the blast furnace employees through the valley may take place this week. The blast furnace employees in New Castle, numbering 700 or 800 went out on strike today for a raise in wages equal to those paid in 1892. One-fourth of the pig and bessemer iron of the United States is manufactured in this section.

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SPAIN ON NEUTRALITY ACT

Bull Fighters Are Displeased at Course of United States.

MR. MURUAGA'S LOUD PROTESTS

He Declares That the Cuban Rebellion Would Die Out in Thirty Days But for Sympathy of the United States.

Washington, April 23.—Secretary Grosham will not be surprised should the Spanish premier, Mr. Canovas, call his attention to alleged manifestations of Cuban sympathizers in this country. There has hardly been a week since the insurrection began in the island that Mr. Muruaga, the late Spanish minister to the United States, did not direct Secretary Grosham's attention to what he and the Spanish government considered violations by the United States of the neutrality act, in permitting the shipment of arms and men from this country to aid the Cuban revolutionists. Mr. Muruaga made these representations so repeatedly and so emphatically that he at last desisted out of pure discouragement, finding in every case that the Spanish government's understanding of United States law and United States obligations was not shared by United States officials. The right which the United States have always claimed to set on foot in case of war where they pleased was very discouraging to Mr. Muruaga, who regarded it as useless to continue his protests. He did so, however, but he left Washington a week ago declaring that the struggle in Cuba was not a contest between Spain and her rebellious subjects, but between Spain and the United States. It is not doubted that Dupuy De Lome, the new Spanish minister to the United States, who will arrive from Havana this week, has been requested to protest strongly against any aid or comfort being given, at least openly, in this country, to the Cuban rebels. The reports made by the correspondent of the United Press in Cuba as to the character and extent of the rebellion, confirm the declarations repeatedly made by Mr. Muruaga that but for the encouragement given by their friends in the United States, and the hope of a recognition of their belligerency by this country, the revolution would collapse within thirty days.

CLAIRVOYANCY IN COURT.

Attorneys of Noah Strevell Resort to a Topeka Woman. Fort Scott, Kan., April 23.—The services of a professional necromancer have been employed by the defense in the Strevell murder case, which will be called for trial in this city next Tuesday. Noah Strevell is charged with cutting his father's throat for the purpose of obtaining his estate, to which he was sole heir. He is represented by three of the leading criminal lawyers of Kansas, who are, with a view of exonerating him, endeavoring to solve the mystery of the crime in advance of the trial. As an experiment they recently sent the murdered man's pocket knife to Miss Florence Wilkes, of Topeka, who professes to be able, by supernatural senses in an assumed trance, to solve mysteries of crime. All she requires is an article, however insignificant, that was on the murdered man's person at the time of the crime. The attorneys have received from the female conjurer "an exposition" written on six pages of commercial note paper, in which she claims to have obtained a revelation of the mystery. Something to their surprise, she pictures the scene of the murder with accuracy, and also the personal features of the victim and his assailant. She describes the assassin's flight from the ranch where the murder occurred to this city, his visit to a saloon, and gives the direction of his disappearance. Her story coincides with an abandoned clew, which has now been resumed by several detectives, who hope to secure the rewards offered by state and county. The woman's statement was submitted to the prosecuting attorneys, and is eliciting intense interest from all concerned in the case.

CHOOSE THE OTHER GIRL.

Lover with Two Sweethearts Causes Consternation in Church. Shenandoah, Pa., April 23.—A sensation was caused in the Greek church here through the failure of a marriage bargain between Mary Kinsukawicz and John Butalanski. He had been paying attention to Miss Kinsukawicz for some time, and on Friday night they agreed the marriage ban should be announced in the church yesterday. Miss Kinsukawicz was dumfounded when at the appointed hour Rev. Laurin announced the approaching marriage of Butalanski and Miss Lizzie Matalawicz. Intense excitement prevailed, and Miss Kinsukawicz was prostrated. It was thought the names had only been come mixed, but investigation proved that the announcement was correct, and that Butalanski had been courting the two girls, but at the eleventh hour decided to stand by Miss Matalawicz. The disappointed young girl sought the counsel of friends, and decided to drop the matter.

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GRANTED RESPITE.

Buchanan Will Have Another Week in Which to Prepare for Death.

Albany, N. Y., April 23.—Dr. Buchanan's wife and Mrs. Coleman, of New York, waited upon Governor Morton at the executive chamber at 10 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Buchanan made an earnest plea for the life of her husband, who was to be electrocuted at Sing Sing tomorrow for poisoning his first wife, who was with the governor in the large reception room for nearly an hour, and all visitors were refused admittance for the first time in years. The governor at first said he could not interfere; but Mrs. Buchanan's pleadings were so pathetic that he finally granted a week's respite, principally to give the condemned man time in which to prepare for death.

WANTS MR. ECKELS.

Mr. Kohlman's Offer to the Comptroller of Currency. Washington, April 23.—H. H. Kohlman, the new owner of the Chicago Times-Herald, offered Mr. Eckels, a large salary, said to be nearly \$100,000 a year, to go to Chicago and become financial editor of that paper. In view of the importance of financial questions in business circles and politics, Mr. Eckels saw in this editorship an opportunity to wield great influence in the west, and was at first much inclined to accept the generous offer. On consulting, however, with other members of the administration, he deemed it his duty to remain in his present office until the expiration of Mr. Cleveland's term, and wired his declination this afternoon.

LYNCHERS FOILED.

Negro Under Arrest Escapes Hanging Through Foresight of Sheriff. Baltimore, April 23.—An attempt was made at Frederick, Md., last night, to lynch the negro who attempted a robbery on Mrs. Thomas, of the Butts while she was returning home from church last Sunday. The mob was foiled by Sheriff Zimmerman, who had removed Winterchief to a place of safety early in the evening. The rumor that Winterchief had been rescued reached the mob and the leader was sent ahead to warn if it was true. Sheriff Zimmerman invited the man to enter the jail and inspect the cells. The leader of the lynchers became thoroughly satisfied that the bird had flown and went back to disperse the mob.

READING'S POSITION.

Will Be Allowed Twenty-one Per Cent of Anthracite Output. New York, April 23.—The Tribune says tomorrow the United Press will say tomorrow that the anthracite coal presidents to make the Reading company accept less than 21 per cent. of the anthracite output has forced the conclusion upon the presidents that the anthracite situation cannot be remedied unless Reading's demand is granted. It can now be authoritatively stated that unless something unforeseen happens, the Reading's position will be sustained, and an output of 21 per cent. given to the company.

BELMONT NON-COMMITTAL.

Throws No Light Upon the Rumor of Marriage with Mrs. Vanderbilt. Paris, April 23.—In an interview had by the United Press with the French ambassador today with O. H. Belmont, who, it was recently reported, was shortly to marry Mrs. Vanderbilt, that gentleman refused either to admit or deny the rumor. Mr. Belmont's residence in Paris adjoining the hotel at which Mrs. Vanderbilt is a guest.

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DARES TO DEFEY CLEVELAND.

Deputy Pension Commissioner Bell Is Out for Free Silver.

Washington, April 23.—The case of Deputy Pension Commissioner H. C. Bell of Illinois, excites more or less comment here. It is understood that the word has been passed along the line of Federal officeholders that all of them must get into line and exert their efforts in favor of a sound money organization in the Democratic party. This tip to the officeholders comes direct from the white house. It is said to apply especially to Illinois officeholders, for that state is soon to be the battle ground of the two factions of the Democracy to fix the party status on financial questions. Deputy Commissioner Bell has just returned from Illinois and boldly expresses himself as an advocate of free silver coinage. "The Democrats of central and southern Illinois," said Mr. Bell, "are for free silver and against the president in the ratio of 10 to 1. I have no doubt whatever that the June convention of the Illinois Democracy will show that the president has less than one-tenth of the Illinois Democracy supporting his views."

MEXICAN BANDITS SHOT.

Two of the Most Desperate Outlaws on the West Coast Executed. Guadalupe, Jalisco, April 23.—The execution of the Jalisco bandits, Feliciano Mariavos and Mauricio Rivera, early yesterday morning attracted wide attention. Hope of reprieve by President Diaz was held by the lawyers and friends of the condemned until the night before the execution, when the time of limitation having expired, the prisoners were ordered to prepare for death at sunrise. They spent most of the night either in praying to the images in the prison chapel, to which they were allowed access, or in pacing back and forth in their quarters. On the taking leave of the priests the two bandits were placed in a kneeling posture on the north side of the double file of police. Mariavos and Rivera were among the most desperate outlaws and bandits who ever operated in the west coast country.

WITNESSES SPIRITED AWAY.

Some Remarkable Features in the Combs Assassination Case. Jackson, Ky., April 23.—Last night S. H. Mans, town marshal, received a telegram from the commonwealth's attorney at Barbourville, where Jesse Fries and Joe Adkins are on trial for the assassination of Judge Josiah Combs at Hazard, to arrest and bring to Barbourville two of the witnesses of the commonwealth who are said to have been run off by members of the French faction. A remarkable feature of this case is the fact that Boone Frazier, who was with Adkins when the latter fired the shot that killed Combs, is anxious to surrender himself to the authorities and turn state's evidence, but it is alleged he is prevented from doing so by several armed men of the French faction, who are guarding him carefully night and day.

THE WIDOW IS MISTAKEN.

The ex-Sheriff of San Francisco Is Not Her Sandbagging Lover. San Francisco, April 23.—Mrs. Julia Fisher, the young Indianapolis widow who imagined that ex-Sheriff Laumester was the Harry Cecil King who robbed her of \$15,000 and then deserted her in Indianapolis, has changed her mind. "When I saw Mr. Laumester's picture in the paper," she said, "I immediately recognized it as that of the man I met in the New York police headquarters. I did say then, in the haste of the moment, that he was Mr. King, but I only said it once. He talked to me like a gentleman, and I became convinced that he was not the real Sheriff Laumester. If you say that this is the real photograph of Mr. Laumester and that he is widely known in San Francisco, why, I will have to admit that I was mistaken."

KILLED BY A CAT'S BITE.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 23.—Henry Barnert, the 12-year-old boy who was bitten by a cat six weeks ago, died this morning, after suffering two days from hydrophobia. The boy became paralyzed before the end came, and his last moments were not characterized by the horrible agony which marked the earlier stages of the malady.

PLATE GLASS COMBINATION.

Pittsburg, April 23.—At this afternoon's session of the stockholders of the plate glass combination they voted on and accepted the plans arranged by the directors for the running of the combination.

MAY DIE BEFORE MORNING.

Bordentown, N. J., April 23.—Late tonight Mrs. Parnell's physicians reported that she might live through the night, but that it was more than probable that she would die before morning.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, generally fair; westerly winds, becoming variable.

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